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SUBJECT: PLPA PLENUM CONCLUDED

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1. (U) PLPA MEDIA ANNOUNCED, JANUARY 28, THE CONCLUSION OF A TWO-DAY PLPA PLENUM. THE PLENUM APPEARS TO HAVE PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. NO C.P. WAS EITHER ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE POLITBURE. PLPA PARTY LEADER KAZANJO WAS PROMOTED TO SECRETARY OF THE POLITBURE, APPARENTLY FILLING THE POST LEFT VACANT BY THE OUSTING OF BABRAH KAZANJO'S BROTHER KAZANJO KAZANJO IN OCTOBER 1987. THIRTEEN FULL MEMBERS AND FOUR ALTERNATE MEMBERS WERE ADDED TO THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. (U) OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE, A NUMBER OF SENIOR

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PARTY FIGURES, INCLUDING POLITBURE MEMBERS GUDALICI,

MUR AHMED MUR AND MOHAMMAD ASLAM KATANJAR, WERE NOT

LISTED AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE SESSION. KATIBULLAH

GAVE A LONG ADDRESS WHICH INTER ALIA TOUCHED ON

THE GENEVA TALKS AND "ON-ALIGNMENT". (NO DARI OR

ENGLISH TEXT OF HIS REMARKS WAS YET AVAILABLE.)

3. (C) EAST BLOC DIPLOMATS, WHO HAD BEEN PREDICTING SENIOR PERSONNEL CHANGES EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE (MOS) RESULTS OF THE PLENUM, ONLY DESCRIBING THE OUTCOME AS EVIDENCE OF STAGNATION IN THE PARTY.

4. (C) COMMENT: WE NOTE AS POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT THE MOVEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. IN JULY 1986, KATIBULLAH BROUGHT 13 NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN A MOVE SUBSEQUENTLY SEEN AS INTENDING LAID THE GROUND WORK FOR HIS LATER MOVE AGAINST SENIOR

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OPponents. WE WILL REPORT ON NAJIBULLAH'S PLINUM SPEECH
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AVAILABLE. END COMMENT.

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